



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasuhiro Tani, et al.
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PRODUCING SAME, AND
METHOD OF POLISHING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "C"

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated April 25, 2005 in the above-referenced application, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE and also a petition for extension of time to extend the time to respond to said Final Office Action by one month to May 12, 2005 as well as an extension fee therefor. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the "submission" related to said RCE in which the application is amended as follows: